

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0040] with the following amended paragraph:

-- [0040] One mode of operation of electrical control circuit 110 is best illustrated with reference to FIG. 4. As seen in FIG. 4, strain measuring device or strain gauge 130 converts a small mechanical displacement of blade 116 to an electrical signal which electrical signal is transmitted through signal wires 132 to a drag evaluation circuit [[140]] 142 of control circuit 110. It is envisioned that drag evaluation circuit [[140]] 142 is configured and adapted to receive the electrical signal from strain gauge 130 and evaluate or compare the electrical signal against a preset or know value. Drag evaluation circuit [[140]] 142 then transmits an evaluation signal to a feedback correction circuit [[142]] 144 of control circuit 110 which in turn transmits a feedback control signal to an RF energy output circuit [[144]] 146 of electrosurgical generator 118. RF energy output circuit [[144]] 146 instructs electrosurgical generator 118 of the change in power, current or voltage to be supplied to blade 116.--